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SUBJECT: FOREIGN BUYER PROGRAM: CYPRUS COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT
DELEGATION

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1. GOC COMMISSIONER FOR COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT, MR.
ANDREAS AZINAS, INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT A FOUR-MEMBER
DELEGATION UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP WILL VISIT FOLLOWING U.S.
TRADE EXPOSITIONS.
A) THE UNITED FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE ASSOCIATION,
73RD ANNUAL CONVENTION AND EXPOSITION, ALBERT THOMAS EXHIBIT
CENTER, HOUSTON, TEXAS, FEBRUARY 6-9, 1977
B) INTERNATIONAL FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL EXPO, THE RIVERGATE
EXHIBITION CENTER, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, FEBRUARY 10-12, 1977.
C) INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION FOR FOOD PROCESSORS, THE SUPERDOME,
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, FEBRUARY 13-16, 1977.

2. NAMES AND TITLES OF PARTICIPANTS ARE:
I) ANDREAS AZINA (HEAD)
CYPRUS COMMISSIONER FOR COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT
II) JOHN HADJIZINON
GENERAL MANAGER OF THE CYPRUS COOPERATIVE CANNING
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- INDUSTRIES (SEVEGEP)
III) KYRIAKOS LOUCA
GENERAL MANAGER, AGROTECHNICA-SOGEK. COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATION
ACTING AS AGENTS, IMPORTERS, DISTRIBUTORS OF AGRICULTURAL MACH-
INERY AND EQUIPMENT.
IV) GEORGE KAKOULLIS

GENERAL MANAGER OF THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS COOPERATIVE
MARKETING UNION LTD., (SEDIGEP)

3. DELEGATION'S DECLARED PURPOSE IS TO VIEW LATEST U.S.
DEVELOPMENTS IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, FOOD PROCESSING,
PACKAGING AND MARKETING.

4. DELEGATION MADE ITS OWN ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRAVEL, HOTEL
ACCOMMODATION, APPOINTMENTS WITH COMPANY OFFICIALS, INDUSTRY
VISITS, ETC.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: COMMERCE PLEASE INFORM REFERENCED U.S.
EXPO OFFICIALS ABOUT GROUP'S IMPENDING VISIT AND REQUEST THEM
TO EXTEND ALL POSSIBLE FACILITIES AND COURTESIES TO CYPRIOT
DELEGATION. PLEASE CABLE EMBASSY NAMES AND TITLES OF
REFERENCED EXPO OFFICIALS.

6. THE COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT IN CYPRUS IS A WELL
ORGANIZED AND MANAGED ORGANIZATION ENJOYING WIDE CYPRIOT
SUPPORT. IT IS ACCORDED PRIVILEGED GOC SUPPORT AND THUS
EXPERIENCED SPECTACULAR GROWTH DURING RECENT YEARS. ITS
PRESENCE IS FELT IN ALL SPHERES OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY
ON THE ISLAND. THE COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT HAS AMPLE FUNDS
AT ITS DISPOSAL THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE CENTRAL BANK LTD.
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